

**SOLE DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name:

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A NETWORK-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PARTS WITH A VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND FABRICATOR SELECTION, the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial Number TO BE ASSIGNED and was amended \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ is an international Application, PCT Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Date of Issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Prior United States Provisional Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below

Application Serial Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

**Prior United States Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status - Patented, Pending, Abandoned
09/270,007	March 16, 1999	PENDING
09/311,150	April 13, 1999	PENDING

And I hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the following attorneys, their registration numbers being listed after their names:

Thomas J. Scott, Jr., Registration No. 27,836; Stanislaus Aksman, Registration No. 28,562; James G. Gatto, Registration No. 32,694; Christopher C. Campbell, Registration No. 37,291; Henry C. Su, Registration No. 37,738; Tyler S. Brown, Registration No. 36,465; Brian M. Buroker, Registration No. 39,125; Charles F. Hollis, Registration No. 40,650; Jonathan D. Link, Registration No. 41,548; Kevin J. Dunleavy, Registration No. 32,024; Kevin T. Duncan, Registration No. 41,495; Charles B. Lobsenz, Registration No. 37,857; Thomas G. Woolston, Registration No. 40,235; George Georgellis, Registration No. 43,632; Stephen T. Schreiner, Registration No. 43,097; Christopher J. Cuneo, Registration No. 42,450; Raphael A. Valencia, Registration No. 43,216; Scott D. Balderston, Registration No. 35,436; Steven P. Klocinski, Registration No. 39,251; Yisun Song, Registration No. P44,487; Dinnatia J. Doster, Registration No. P45,268; Matthew J. Pryor, Registration No. P45,278.

All correspondence and telephone communications should be addressed to Hunton & Williams, 1900 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-1109, telephone number (202) 955-1500, which is also the address and telephone number of each of the above listed attorneys.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signature *James D. Thackston* Date 09/30/99  
Full Name of: THACKSTON JAMES D.  
Sole Inventor Family Name First Given Name Second Given Name  
Residence 2000 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 300, Marietta, Georgia 30067  
Citizenship UNITED STATES  
Post Office Address

HUNTON & WILLIAMS  
1900 K Street, N.W., Suite 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1109  
Tel: (202) 955-1500  
Fax: (202) 778-2201

ONLY PATENTS &amp; PAT. APPLNS.

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Wash., D.C. 20231

SIR: Please record the attached original document or copy thereof on which the particulars are:

1. Name of conveying party(ies) (assignor(s)):

James D. Thackston

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ yes ☒ no

2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest (assignee(s)):

EAGLE ENGINEERING OF AMERICA  
2000 Powers Ferry Road  
Suite 300  
Marietta, GA 30067  
U.S.A.

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ yes ☒ no

3. Nature of Conveyance:

☒ AssignmentExecution Dates: September 30, 1999☐ Merger☐ Change of Name☐ Verified Translation☐ Security Agreement☐ Other4. Execution date(s) on the Declaration if filed herewith: September 30, 19994.5 Application number(s) or patent number(s). Others on additional sheet(s) attached? ☐ yes ☒ no

A. Patent Application No(s).  
(series code/serial number)  
09/311,150

First Inventor  
if not in Item 1

B. Patent No(s).

First Inventor  
if not in Item 1

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Stephen T. Schreiner  
Hunton & Williams  
1900 K Street, N.W., Suite 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1109

6. Number involved:

Applns. 1 + Pats:        = Total 1

7. Amount of fee enclosed:

Above Total x \$40 = \$40.00

8. If above fee missing or inadequate charge insufficiency to Deposit Account number 50-0206 (duplicate sheet not required.)

5.5 Atty. Dkt.

55536.000005

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

10. Total number of pages  
including this cover sheet  
(Do NOT file dup. cover sheet)

3

Signature:

Stephen T. Schreiner  
Reg. No.: 43,097  
Tel: 202-955-1500  
Fax: 202-778-2201

Date: October 1, 1999

STS:vtm

JC971 U.S. PTO  
09/30/99

07/13/01

09903522-071301

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, **James D. Thackston**, residing at 2000 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta, Georgia, 30067, a citizen of the United States, (the "Assignor"), have made an invention entitled

**A NETWORK BASED SYSTEM FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PARTS WITH A  
VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT,  
AND FABRICATOR SELECTION**

described in the application for United States Letters Patent filed herewith;

WHEREAS, **EAGLE ENGINEERING OF AMERICA, INC.** (the "Assignee"), a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Georgia and having a place of business at 2000 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 300, Marietta, Georgia, 30067, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and to the application and all Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country, including continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, reexaminations, extensions, substitutes and divisions which may be granted therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Assignor, by these presents do sell, assign, set over and transfer unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the full and exclusive right in and to the said invention as described in the said application, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country, including continuations, continuations-in-part, reissue, reexaminations, extensions, substitutes and divisions which may be granted therefor and all rights to claim priority on the basis of said application;

AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks or any other proper officer or agency of any country to issue all said Letters Patent to said Assignee;

AND I HEREBY warrant and covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument or assignment in conflict herewith;

AND I HEREBY agree to communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, to execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part,

09903522.071304

AND I HEREBY agree to communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, to execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, reexamination, extension, substitute and foreign applications, sign all lawful documents and make all rightful oaths and declarations relating to said inventions, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, and to testify in any judicial or administrative proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid the said Assignee to obtain and enforce said Letters Patent in the United States or any foreign country when requested so to do by said Assignee.

Signature of Inventor:

Inventor's Name:

James D. Thackston  
James D. Thackston

Date of Execution:

09/30/99

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

COUNTY OF Cobb )  
STATE OF Georgia ) ss:

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1999, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John P. Cairns, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

(SEAL)

Adel C. Catalani  
Notary Public

My commission Expires: 6/03